

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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MMTC

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation and its major promoters has recruited local tribals in different States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the various activities of the MMTC in the respective States; and
- (d) the additional facilities proposed to be provided by the Government to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): MMTC is the major promoter of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL) operating in the State of Orissa. The details of local tribals recruited by NINL in the last three years are as under:-

Year	Number of tribals recruited
2002	4
2003	14
2004	37

(c): MMTC has a Regional Office in Bhubaneswar in Orissa which is engaged in export, import and domestic trading in various items besides undertaking coordination work with MMTC's promoted project, namely, NINL. The export activities include export of Pig Iron, Minerals such as Iron Ore, Chrome Ore and Manganese Ore. The import activities include import of Bullion, Zinc, Lam coke/Coal, Pulses, Fertilizers. The domestic trade activities include trading of various commodities including Pig Iron, BFG slag, Ammonium Sulphate, Crude Tar and Lam coke. During the year 2004-05, Regional Office Bhubaneswar achieved a turnover of approximately Rs. 1840 crores including exports of Rs. 964 crore, import of Rs. 657 crore and domestic trade of Rs. 219 crore.

(d): MMTC being an autonomous organization, does not seek any assistance from the Government in such matters.